

Uncle Sam Printer

The Red Wing, Minnesota, Republican said editorially, November 12, 1928:

"Uncle Sam's Post Office Department, which it is estimated will have a deficit of \$100,000,000 during the present fiscal year, will continue in the business of competing with local printers in the furnishing of printed envelopes, having recently awarded a contract involving more than \$15,000,000 in this connection.

"This means that one concern will have a monopoly of this amount of gross business, a large portion of which will be diverted from country publishers, who are practically the only class of business men with whom the government competes in this manner.

"The injustice of this practice is all the more marked because the printing is done for an additional charge of only a few cents a thousand over the cost of the plain envelopes—a charge so small that it covers only a fraction of the cost. The envelopes alone are priced higher than necessary in order to cover a portion of the loss on the printing, but the customer thinks he is getting a bargain because of this juggling of price quotations.

"Having been victims of this unfair competition for half a century, it is little wonder that country editors are practically a unit in opposition to government operation of business enterprises. All fair-minded business men should assist the National Editorial Association in its efforts to eliminate this Socialistic and un-American practice.

"There would be as much justification for the operation of retail stores by the government as there is for the retail sale of printed envelopes in competition with local printers."

Biddy's Worries Over

Automatic Hen is Evolved At Petaluma, California

"Biddy," the faithful hen, no longer grows gaunt and peevish from sitting. Gas and electricity have ended her hatching worries.

In other words, Petaluma, California, "the world's egg basket," has evolved the automatic hen. And such an automatic hen! It hatches hundreds of thousands of fluffy chicks a year who are just as lively and happy as if mothered in nature's way.

Seven of the big Petaluma hatcheries use gas to increase the chicken population. Of these the Pioneer Hatchery, Inc., is the largest and perhaps the most typical. Two million baby chicks a year is its average birth rate. The chicks are hatched in incubators each containing two trays carrying for 1,800 eggs. Under each tray is an old-time Welshbach gas burner, minus the mantle. This heats a warm-water circulating system surrounding the trays. Each burner is controlled by a thermostat so that the warmth around the egg never gets too high or too low.

Anyone who has tried to raise chickens by the old-time lamp incubator can readily appreciate what this automatic method means—no climbing out of bed on a chilly night to turn up the wick, no rushing to the hatchery when the sun shines hot to lower the flame.

The Pioneer Hatchery resembles a busy industrial plant more than an automatic hen. It is a building of brick and tile, one story high, covering 50,000 square feet, in which are the hatching machines, the offices and the packing and shipping departments.

For thirty years it has used gas to coax the chicks out of the eggs, and in all that time has never had an accident of any kind—not a fire or an asphyxiation, thanks to a reliable gas service and an efficient system of ventilation.

Saving The Tax Dollars

Millions of dollars of the taxpayers' money are spent yearly for carrying on governmental routine. Economies and labor saving have been effected, from time to time, through the innovation of bookkeeping and tabulating machines and more efficient filing systems and calculators.

The most recent improvement over old methods is the new system of copying and recording documents by photography. This is now done in a number of states and saves a tremendous amount of time, money and labor, as well as guaranteeing a degree of accuracy impossible with any system of copying by human means.

"This method is no longer in the experimental stage," says the Tax Digest. "It has been tried and found to meet every test. It is superior to any other method that has, as yet, been invented. It is of proven permanency, of demonstrated effectiveness. It is the most economical method. And it is of absolute accuracy."

The copying of documents may seem a small thing, but it is an important duty of government and one that costs a great deal of money. It is through such economies as this that much can be done to raise governmental efficiency and lower the tax rate.

Flowers To The Living

Judge J. W. Hamilton, of Roseburg, who has just tendered his resignation as a member of the board of regents of the University of Oregon, has ended a career of 28 years of faithful and productive service with this body. Glowing tributes paid to him by fellow board members and others who know of his later work, cannot, of course, give him full justice, for he began his work long before any of these friends began to observe his activity in this line of public endeavor.

When Judge Hamilton became a member of the board of regents the university was lodged in but two or three buildings. Its faculty consisted of only a score or more professors. Its student body numbered only a few hundred. He has seen the institution grow from this to a university of 3200 students at Eugene and 226 more in Portland, with a faculty of more than 2200. Its campus now has nearly 30 buildings and still there is not room enough for the demands made upon them.

Much of this growth has taken place while Judge Hamilton has been president of the board. As leader of this group of citizens who serve without wage, he has guided the university ably and well, and now as he retires he receives the warmest praise from his associates, and from hundreds of friends throughout the state who know him and love him.

It is men like Judge Hamilton who make Oregon the state that it is, men who are willing to serve the public without thought of recompense so that the commonwealth may be better, wiser and happier.

Coffee Citadel Crumbling

Recent cables reports from Berlin that a German organization planned to develop large coffee plantations in Dutch Guiana have caused much interest in the heart of Brazil's coffee region. Coffee is, of course, the most important export of Brazil, and the last crop exports were valued at more than \$300,000,000 and accounted for two-thirds of the total exports of the country.

Observers believe that the control exercised by the coffee institute for the past four years is bound to have the same effect in stimulating the coffee production of other countries as did the British control of rubber. Although this rubber control allowed only a certain amount of production on the market from British possessions, it stimulated other plantings, and the Dutch, in Java, reaped the profit of the high world price, for they were at liberty to sell when and where the market warranted.

Coffee experts see the same process going on in the coffee growing countries and predict that Brazil will not control the world market in a few years. It is pointed out that Colombia has put more and more land under coffee in recent years, and now the news of the German undertaking in Guiana indicates the opening of another field.

While the bulk of Brazilian coffee goes to the United States, yet Germany is a considerable buyer, and her own plantations would, naturally, supply her own market as well as other European buyers. However, it takes seven years for coffee to commence bearing, so the German competition is that far away.

County Notes

KENT LOCAL ITEMS

L. L. Peetz and T. W. Alley were here Monday from Moro.

A. J. Decker returned to Portland Saturday after spending a few days here at his ranch.

Quite a number from Kent were in Moro Monday attending the Rumely power farming school.

After the weather man had given us two days of fine sunny weather the northeast wind and fog struck us again Monday evening and it is still cold and frosty and foggy.

The Rufus High School basketball team came up Friday evening, led by Homer Sibley, and took the short end of 31 to 3 score. Kendrick Dunlap and Connie getting the high scores for Kent.

The whole community was shocked to hear of the sudden death of Irene, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Beyer, at about 8 o'clock Monday evening. We understand that the cause was pronounced spinal meningitis. Burial was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery Tuesday afternoon. C. M. Zell having charge. All are extending their sympathy to the bereaved family.

SHANIKO LOCAL ITEMS

Alex Ross returned Saturday from a trip to The Dalles.

The picture show here Thursday was largely attended.

S. and Ted Rees of Antelope were visitors here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ross were visitors in Madras a week ago Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Aldridge of Bakeoven were shopping in Shaniko Friday.

Ed. Wakerlig had the misfortune to lose three head of work horses recently.

Several from Kent and Grass Valley attended the dance here Saturday night.

Claude Wilson and son of Bakeoven attended the dance here Saturday night.

Tom Connelly of Maupin attended the bank director's meeting here Saturday night.

Mrs. M. Bunch spent the past week visiting at the W. M. Aldridge home at Bakeoven.

Miss Flora McColloch of Antelope was visiting with Mrs. Ross and son Glea Saturday.

L. Barnum of The Dalles was present at the bank director's meeting held here Saturday night.

Antelope visitors here Tuesday were Vernice Dus, Mildred Rees, S. Rees and Lenora Woodcock.

Shaniko seems to be the favored spot this winter, sunny days, while our neighbor towns are hid with fog.

A good size crowd attended the dance here Saturday night. The next dance will be January 26th. Music by "Buster's Gang."

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hoech of The Dalles visited friends and relatives here Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Hoech was present at the bank director's meeting here Saturday night. They were accompanied by Mrs. A. Altmatt and sons who spent the night here with Mr. Altmatt.

The Columbia Southern Hotel lobby was entered some time Tuesday night, after ten o'clock. The cash register containing five dollars in small change was taken. It was later found a few miles west of town, minus the money. No clue as to the guilty party has yet been found.

Lodges Install Officers

It is estimated that more than 100 members of the Rebekah and I. O. O. F. lodges met in their hall at Moro last Monday to witness the ceremonial induction into office of the members elected recently to conduct the affairs of the two lodges for the succeeding term. Following the installation ceremonies of the lodges, supper was served.

The following officers of Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116, were installed by District Deputy Belle Conlee. P. N. G. Lenora Schadewitz, N. G. Bessie Axtell, V. G. Mattie Axtell, Secretary Jessie Heinrichs, Treasurer Maud Akers, Warden Lilla Bull, Conductor Edna Freeman, Chaplain Mrs. W. B. Rice, R. S. N. G. Margaret Peetz, L. S. N. G. Hazel Woods, R. S. V. G. Daisy Hennagin, L. S. V. G. Bessie Thompson, I. G. Emma Larson, O. G. Susie Hastings, Musician Greta Ross.

The following officers of Moro Lodge No. 113 I. O. O. F. were installed by A. R. Kessinger, D. D. G. M. P. G. Robt. Urquhart, N. G. P. C. Axtell, V. G. Geo. A. Williams, Secretary A. M. Young, Treasurer W. B. Rice, Warden G. M. Mersinger, Conductor M. R. Schadewitz, Chaplain Alex Jackson, R. S. N. G. Geo. McDonald, L. S. N. G. H. C. Ruggles, R. S. V. G. D. A. VanGilder, L. S. V. G. Willard E. Smith, R. S. S. A. Douma, L. S. S. G. Douma, Inside G. Percy Thompson, Outside G. C. M. Cunningham.

Moro High School Notes

The new semester opened Wednesday, January 16. No new courses have been started as the subjects given last semester were full year ones.

Harry McDonald has returned to school. As he was a star basketball player last year it is felt his return will make this year's team stronger. His former position on the team was forward but at present he is playing center.

Pearl and Arthur Williams of Walla Walla, Wash., will finish the last semester of the eighth grade at Moro under Miss Palmrose. The new students are living with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Will, on Main street.

Several of the 7th and 8th grade students have won Palmer merit badges. Those who have won them are: Fern Luttrell, Fay Luttrell, Maxine Heinrichs, Mildred Hansen, Richard Barnes, George Hennagin, Dollie Belshie.

Several people of Moro high school are confined at home with the flu. Miss McCord and Kenneth McKean both have a slight touch of the disease. Blaine Miller, who has been absent several weeks with pneumonia, is getting better.

The Senior Class of Moro High School has changed the date of its play, "The Mummy and The Mumps," from February 1 to February 5.

The change has been made because the Moro American Legion wishes to schedule a dance for the night of February 1.

Next Friday night the Moro High School boys basketball team will go to Grass Valley to play the first conference game between the two schools. The starting line-up will be: Forwards, Hastings and Barr; center, McDonald; guards, Boardman and McLachlan.

The Caesar class is studying the recently adopted state text for second year Latin classes by Ullman and Henry. This is to be used with the Caesar text. The book includes translations—Latin stories and plays—and gives an extensive study in syntax and grammar.

The Moro basketball girls have scheduled a game with Grass Valley for Friday, January 18. On account of the semester exams there has been very little practice this week. The line-up will probably be the same as it was in the Moro and Rufus game. The team expects every one out to patronize its game.

The county high school basketball schedule for this season has been arranged with the schools playing games as follows: Games at Kent by Grass Valley January 4, Rufus January 11, Moro January 25; at Grass Valley by Moro January 18, Wasco February 8, Rufus February 16, Kent February 22; at Moro by Rufus January 4, Wasco February 1, Grass Valley February 15; at Wasco by Grass Valley January 25, Moro February 22; at Rufus by Wasco January 18, Grass Valley February 1.

While riding on the Oregon Electric train from Portland to Eugene the Moro delegates to the high school officers' conference were greatly pleased by meeting Mr. Dienst, superintendent of public schools in Boise, Idaho, who was going to Eugene as a speaker at the conference.

Mr. Dienst motioned to one of the students that he wanted to speak to him. They talked about the subjects which had been studied in high school and he gave his opinion of what students ought to plan for college. The rest of the Moro students were introduced to him and he tried to help them decide on the course of their lives after graduation from high school.

When the delegates arrived in Eugene and spoke of having met Mr. Dienst, they discovered he was a man of affairs and the principal speaker of the conference.

At the annual Journalistic Conference in Eugene, Friday and Saturday, January 11 and 12, where the contest of High School papers was held, the Moro Optimist won first honorable mention in section D for mimeographed papers.

The Dean Eric W. Allen cup for the best mimeographed paper in section D was awarded to the Junior Echo of the Scappoose high school. Although Moro high school has only fifty students its paper ran the Scappoose high school a close race. By comparing the two papers the students of Moro are certain that they can improve their paper and bring the cup home next year.

The Arnold Bennett cup for the best high school paper in the state was awarded to the Benson Polytechnic high school.

The Clarion, newspaper of the Salem high school, won the Eugene Guard cup for the best paper in section A, for papers from schools with an enrollment of over 500.

The Eugene Register cup for the best paper published by a school with an enrollment under 500 went to the Lantern, of Pendleton high school.

The Honker, news notes of the Burns high school, won the Harris Ellsworth cup for the best paper in section C.

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The Senior Class Moro High School Will Present the Farce Comedy "The Mummy and The Mumps" Moro Legion Hall Tuesday, February 5, 1929 CURTAIN AT 8:15 Presented by Special Arrangement with Banner Play Bureau